

B-3252 - B-3256
903-915 Light St. (East side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1845-1850

This side of the 900 block of Light St. was originally improved by a row of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, 905-909 Light St. having been built by Francis Kines and 911-915 Light St. having been built by John S. Gittings, as part of his development of the southern section of this block. Most of the houses now serve a mixed commercial/residential function and 915 Light St. has been enlarged and remodeled and now is three stories in height with a shed roof and bracketed cornice.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

905 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
___ STRUCTURE
___ SITE
___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
___ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
___ IN PROCESS
___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
___ UNOCCUPIED
___ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
___ YES: UNRESTRICTED
___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE
☒ COMMERCIAL
___ EDUCATIONAL
___ ENTERTAINMENT
___ GOVERNMENT
___ INDUSTRIAL
___ MILITARY
___ MUSEUM
___ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___ RELIGIOUS
___ SCIENTIFIC
___ TRANSPORTATION
___ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story plus attic brick house with gable roof is part of the original group of such houses built along this side of Light St. in the 1840's. The first floor has been converted into a shop-front. The building is soon to be restored to serve as a real-estate office.

The house is two and a half stories in height, 15' wide, and occupies a lot 70' deep. The house is two rooms deep with a two story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, four bay deep rear addition. The house is constructed in running bond. The low-pitched gable roof has a simple, two-tier brick cornice. There are double hooded chimneys located along both the front and rear gables on the north side of the house. There is also a rear end chimney located at the south-east end of the kitchen addition.

The second floor window openings have splayed brick lintels; the attic story window openings have flat wood lintels. All of the sills are wood and all of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor area has been converted into a shop-front with centrally located, double glass-and-panel late Victorian doors set beneath a wide, single light transom, bordered by a row of cut-work scallops. To either side there are large shop windows with 1/1 lights set on paneled dados. The base of the entire store-front area is bordered in cut stone, and three stone steps lead to the entrance. There is a deep, projecting cornice overhead, extending across the entire facade, consisting of a crown molding set over a row of dentils and a row of modillions, supported by two large, carved end brackets.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1845-1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Francis Kines

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 106-122. E. Hamburg St.

This house may or may not have always served as a combination store-front/residence. The present store-front exterior dates from after the Civil War and the building may not have been converted to partial commercial use until that period. The house, along with the neighboring two houses at 907-909 Light St., was built by Francis Kines, a stove, tin, and sheet iron manufacturer operating on the Light St. wharf. Kines lived in one of these three houses, probably this one, in the 1850's.¹

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1849-50

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

4/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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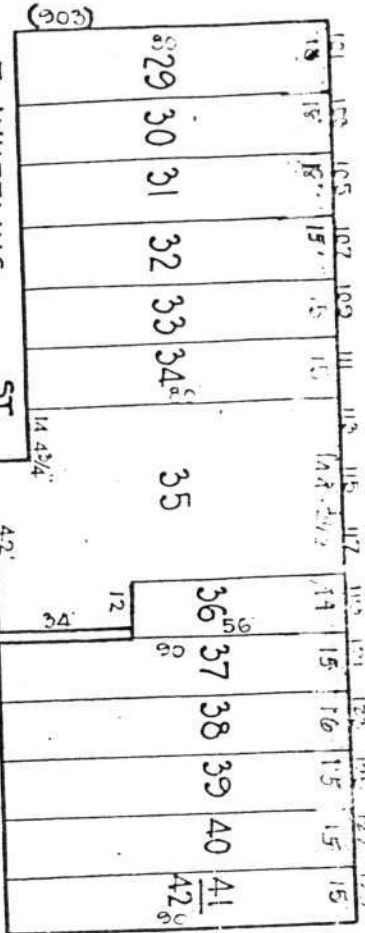
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

WARREN

AVE.

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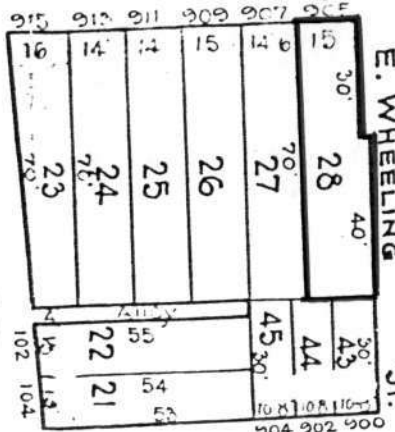


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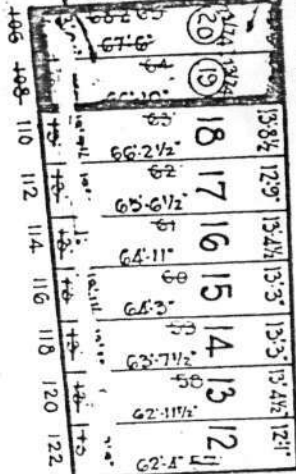
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COMPTON

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E. WHEELING ST.

ST.

ST.

WILLIAM

920
937

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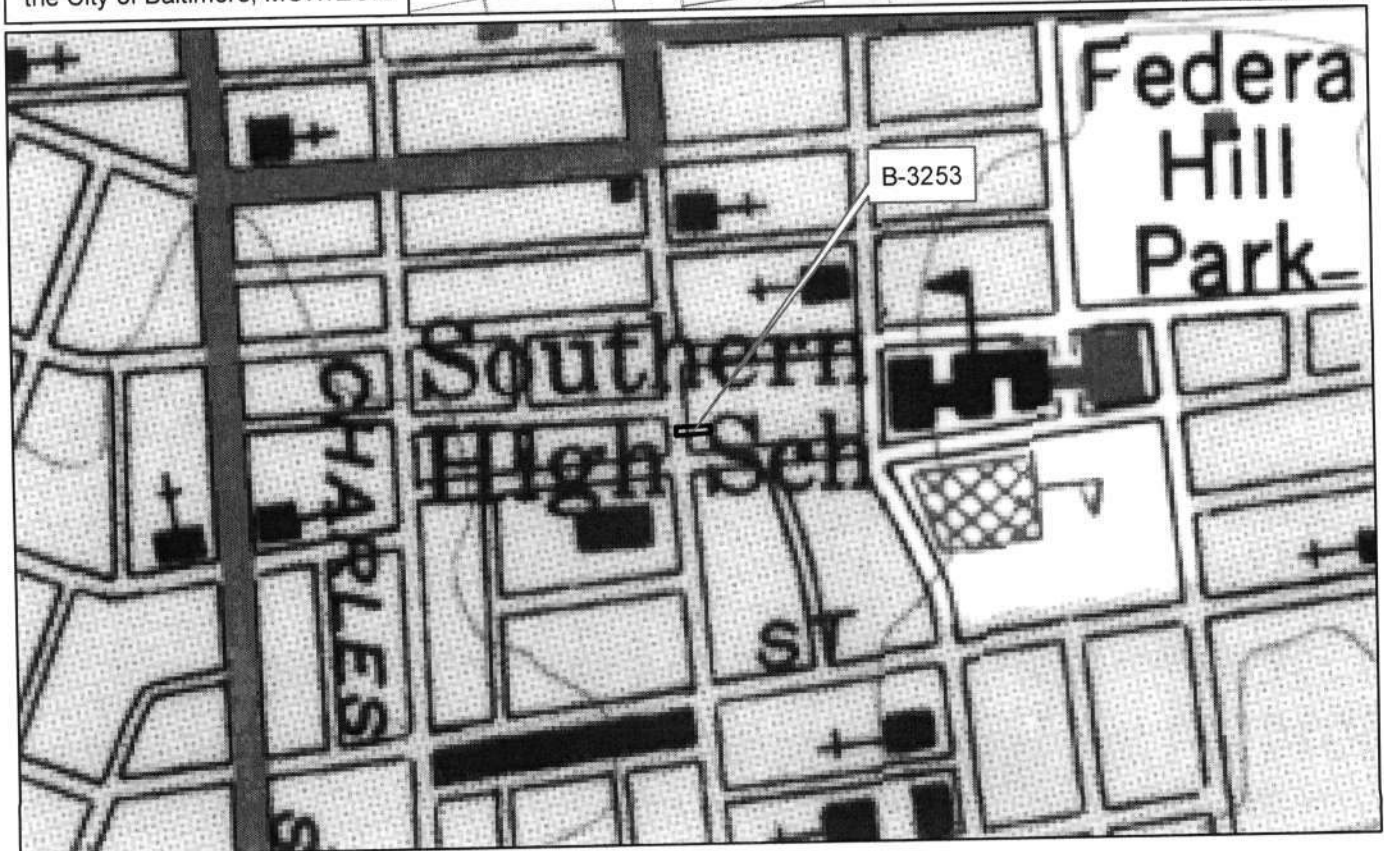
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COMPTON ST.

WALT CRT.

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905 Light Street
Block 0919 Lot 027
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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905 Light St.

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West and north elevations